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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN DENIALS ON OVERFLIGHTS

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IN PRESS INTERVIEW ON OCTOBER 17, MINDEF LEUTGENDORF DECLARED "NO US MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAS OVERFLOWN AUSTRIA" ADDING THAT GOA HAS CAPABILITY TO MAINTAIN RADAR CHECK-UP TO 20,000 METERS AND THEREBY KNOWS THAT "NO SINGLE VIOLATION OF ITS NEUTRALITY OCCURRED". IN VIEW OF CONTINUING SPECULATION, FED BY COMMUNIST PRESS ASSERTIONS, THAT US MILITARY AIRCRAFT OVERFLY AUSTRIA ON RESUPPLY MISSIONS TO ISRAEL, CHANCELLOR KREISKY FELT COMPELLED YESTERDAY TO UNDERScore LEUTGENDORF'S DENIAL. FEDERAL CHANCELLERY ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE CHANCELLOR HAS SUMMONED OFFICER IN CHARGE OF AIR SPACE SUPERVISION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION. ON THE BASIS OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED, THE CHANCELLOR STATES UNAMBIGUOUSLY THAT NO SUCH OVERFLIGHTS TOOK PLACE. THE OPERATIONS CENTER FOR AIR SPACE CONTROL IS PERMANENTLY WATCHING THE AREA WHERE SUCH FLIGHTS COULD OCCUR AND WOULD IMMEDIATELY DETECT ANY PLANE FLYING OVER AUSTRIAN AIR SPACE WITHOUT PRIOR RECEIPT OF OVERFLIGHT PERMIT.

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EVEN AFTER THE OPENING OF HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE

EAST, AIR TRAFFIC OVER AUSTRIA HAS BEEN COMPLETELY  
NORMAL."HUMES

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